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on 6 August 1953 the East German Ministerrat agreed to approve the re-electrification program and to allocate the sum of 122,000,000 eastmarks, the work to be finished by the end of 1953. The allocation for 1953 had been fixed at 27,000,000 eastmarks and for 1954 at 44,000,000 eastmarks. However, later, because the Ministerrat decided to cut expenditures in East Germany during 1953 by 157,000,000 eastmarks, the State Planning Commission reduced the 1953 appropriation for the railroad re-electrification program to 15,000,000 eastmarks. By the end of November, however, even this sum had been further reduced to 5,500,000 eastmarks. 25X1 protests against this decision had been made because the sum was insufficient to pay for material which had already been ordered.

2. [ ] the reduction in funds, which would also 25X1 probably affect the 1954 program, had caused a great slow-down in the re-electrification. Very little effective work is being done except in Kraftwerk Muldenstein.

3. As an example of the slow-down [ ] the case of VEB 25X1 Lokomotivbau Elektrotechnische Werke Hans Beimler, Hennigsdorf. This plant was originally scheduled to repair nine electric locomotives, which were returned by the Soviet Authorities, by 31 March 1954. It has been able to accept only three of these locomotives, and work on them is to be delayed because the firm has contracted to build and deliver to Poland 27 electric locomotives.

4. [ ] Kuehn, chief of Hauptabteilung Investition 25X1 in the Ministry of Railroads, has been made responsible for the whole re-electrification project. The former Oberste Bauleitung fuer Elektrisierung in Halle has been abolished and reorganized as Aufbauleitung fuer Elektrisierung, also in Halle; the chief is Schreiber.

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